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REUNIONS PREVUES

Agricultural documentation

A General Assembly of the International Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists (IAALD) will be held in 1960 in conjunction with an OEEC/IAALD Seminar on „Agricultural documentation: the responsibilities of librarians and information services towards agricultural research and practice". The meetings will probably take place at the Landwirtschaftliche Hochschule Stuttgart-Hohenheim, Germany. Provisional dates are 20 to 30 April 1960.

(from: Quarterly Bull. of the IAALD. Further information may be obtained from the secretary: Mr. D. Kervégant, Centre National de Recherches Agronomiques, Service de Documentation, Route de Saint-Cyr, Versailles (S. & O.), France)

REUNIONS PASSEES

Information processing

The International Conference on Information Processing, held in Paris from June 15 to 20, 1959, brought together some 2000 scientists from 37 countries for a discussion of the latest developments in electronic computers.

Unesco is making arrangements with the Oldenburg Verlag in Munich to publish the proceedings in March 1960. The 600 pages volume will cost about 10.000 French francs (pre-publication price 8.500) and will contain the full texts of the 61 papers discussed, summaries in English, French, Russian and Spanish, summary reports of the discussions, and summaries of the 65 lectures of the Symposium.

As a direct result of the conference, the creation of a permanent *International Federation of Information Processing Societies* was assured by representatives of computer societies from 18 countries. Mr. Isaac L. Auerbach (Auerbachs Electronics Corp., 109 North Essex Ave., Narberth, Pa, USA) was elected Chairman of the Provisional Bureau, with Prof. A. A. Dorodnitzin (subject to agreement of the USSR Academy of Sciences) and Prof. A. van Wijngaarden (Mathematisch Centrum, Amsterdam) as Vice-Chairmen. It was decided to ask the Director-General of Unesco to authorize Mr. J. Mussard (Department of Natural Sciences, Unesco, Paris) to act as secretary.

It seems likely that the next International Conference on Information Processing will be held in 1963, sponsored by the new Federation.

Congrès Brésilien de Bibliothéconomie

Mme Lydia de Queiroz Sambaquy a représenté la FID au 2ème Congresso Brasileiro de Biblioteconomia qui a eu lieu à Salvador du 20 au 26 juillet 1959.

Music libraries

The International Association of Music Libraries held its Fifth International Congress in Cambridge, England, from June 29 to July 4, 1959.

Among the subjects covered were: the acquisition of phonorecords, the classification of music, and the resources of Scandinavian libraries for research.

(L.C. Inf. Bull. July 27, 1959)

Further information may be obtained from Mrs. A. P. Viasto, Rowe Music Library, Kings College, Cambridge, England.

Bulletin de l'IIB incomplet

The FID General Secretariat would highly appreciate your cooperation in completing its series of back numbers of the Revue de la Documentation.

We are in urgent need of the following numbers of the **Bulletin de l'Institut International de Bibliographie**

Année 1 (1895/96) nos. 2-3
Année 13 (1908) nos. 1-3
Année 16 (1911) p. 393 etc.
Année 17 (1912) all issues
Année 18 (1913) all issues
Année 19 (1914) nos. 4-6.

MEMBRES

Institutul de Dokumentare Tehnica in Bucarest

The Institutul de Documentare Tehnica, National member of FID, was visited by Dr. Voorhoeve, Director of the office of FID, on June 26, 1959. From his report we take the following information.

The library uses an alphabetical and a UDC catalogue. It possesses 150.000 books and subscribes to 3.500 journals. Literature older than 10 years is discarded and forwarded to other libraries.

The Documentation department scans all literature; 8000 abstracts per month are prepared by internal personnel and outside collaborators. The abstract cards are classified by UDC.

Training courses for documentation and librarianship are organized. Directives for the organization of documentation services are given.

The Information bureau issues a bulletin containing 2000 abstracts per month. Besides there are issues per subject, e.g. on agriculture. About 23.000 documentation surveys are issued annually.

The annual translation output is 10.000 pages. A catalogue of translations made appears monthly. About 120 selected reports of congresses are issued in translation.

Membres associés

Les demandes suivantes d'admission comme membres associés de la FID ont été soumises au Conseil:

Brésil

Melle Eurydice Pires de Sant'Anna, Bibliothécaire de la Fondation Gonçalo Moniz, Salvador-Bahia (membre individuel)

Fondation Gonçalo Moniz, Salvador-Bahia (membre corporatif)

Inde

Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres, 29 Chowringhee Road, Calcutta 16.

VISITESRECUES

Mme M. L. Monteiro da Cunha de la Bibliothéque Centrale de l'Université de São Paulo, a rendu visite au Secrétariat Général de la FID le 4 août 1959. La CDU et d'autres problèmes de documentation ont été discutés.

INFORMATIONS DIVERSES

Availability of research reports

Unesco's International Advisory Committee on Bibliography recommended a contract for a study of the relationship of the technical research report to the traditional paper in scientific periodicals and its integration into the abstracting and indexing structure.

Owing to the size and complexity of the problem it was decided as a first step, to make a study of the situation in one particular coutry. Unesco accordingly concluded a contract with Mary and Saul Herner of Washington, DC, to submit a report on the present situation in the USA. This report has now been published in the Unesco Bulletin for Libraries, Vol. 11, no. 8-9, August-September 1959, p. 187-196: „The current status of the government research report in the United States of America".

The Libraries Division of Unesco would welcome information concerning the availability of technical research reports in other countries.

Building documentation

The full text of Mr. Dan Fink's lectures at the FID Program Meeting in Washington, November 1958, on „International co-ordination and co-operation of documentation services, exemplified by building documentation" which roused considerable interest, has now appeared in English in the Swedish *Tidskrift för Dokumentation,* Årg. 15 (1959) No. 4, p. 37-43.

Comparative study of indexing systems

An investigation into the comparative efficiency of indexing systems is carried out by the Aslib Cranfield Research Project, with the aid of a grant from the National Science Foundation in Washington.

The indexing of 18.000 aeronautical documents by four different systems - UDC, alphabetical subject catalogue, faceted classification, and Uniterm - is expected to be complete by March 1960.

A leaflet giving a brief outline of the project and further details of the assistance required to chek the work done, is available from Mr. C. W. Cleverdon, Director, Aslib Cranfield Research Project, The College of Aeronautics, Cranfield, Bletchley, Bucks, England.

Digest of Soviet Technology

Engineering Information Services, Kirkham, Preston, Lancashire, England, issued the first (April 1959) number of the „Digest of Soviet Technology", a digest in English of recent technological developments in the USSR and East European countries.

Its information is based on the critical reading of more than 50 periodicals and of other non-periodical literature published in those countries. Original contributions in particular are selected. The present fields of coverage are mechanical engineering, production processes and methods, instruments, and automation, but interesting developments in other fields are not excluded.

Full translations of any article included in the „Digest" will be prepared on request. The maximum charge is 35 shillings per page of original (approximately 500 words), including figures, etc. Depending upon the demand for any paper the charge may be reduced to 7 shillings a page or less.

The annual subscription rate to the „Digest" is £ 6.6.0 (L.C. Inf. Bull. July 27, 1959)

LETTRES CIRCULAIRES

Toutes les lettres circulaires (à l'exeption des documents confidentiels*) peuvent être obtenues au Secrétariat Général de la FID.

*F59-78 (10.8.'59) Rapport de la réunion du CCC à Paris en juillet 1959.

*F59-79 (10.8.'59) Ordre du jour pour la réunion du Conseil à Varsovie en septembre 1959.

F59-80 (10.8.'59) Rapport préliminaire sur les relations entre la FID et les autres organisations internationales.

F59-81 (10.8.'59) Coopération avec la Chambre de Commerce Internationale en matière des „dénominations communes" (voir aussi F59-60).

F59-82 (10.8.'59) La demande d'admission comme membre associé de la Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres soumise au Conseil.

F59-83 (10.8.'59) Notice sur l'exposition de matériel de documentation àVarsovie à l'occassion de la 25ème Conférence de la FID.

*F59-84 (10.8.'59) Le CCC demande au Conseil de la FID qu'une certaine somme soit mise à sa disposition pour une exécution plus efficace de ses travaux.

*F59-85 (21.8.'59) Accounts per June 30, 1959.

*F59-86 (21.8.'59) Estimate of budget for 1960.

*F59-87 (21.8.'59) Note sur les contributions des membres nationaux.

F59-88 (21.8.'59) Proposed recommendation to send non-official „private" extensions of the UDC to the General Secretariat of FID.

*F59-89 (21.8.'59) Ordro du jour pour la réunion du Bureau à Varsovie.

*F59-90 (21.8.'59) Ordre du jour pour la réunion du Comité des Voies et Moyens à Varsovie.

F59-91 (21.8.'59) Ordre du jour pour la réunion de l'Assemblée Générale à Varsovie en septembre 1959.

F59-92 (21.8.'59) Proposed modifications in the publication scheme of the „Revue de la Documentation".

F59-93 (21.8.'59) Convocation du Comité de classification FID/C 3 à Varsovie.

F59-94 (août 1959) *„Outline of a long-term policy", a Memorandum by the President of FID for discussion at the Council meeting in Warsaw.*

F59-96 (28.8.'59) Demandes d'admission comme membre réunion du CCC à Varsovie.

F59-96 (28.8.'59) (Demandes d'admission comme membres associés de Melle E. Pires de Sant'Anna et de la Fondation Gonçalo Moniz à Salvador-Bahia, Brésil, soumises au Conseil.

*F59-97 (28.8.'59) Rapport d'une réunion d'experts de classification est-européens sur la revision de CDU 3.

*F59-98 (28.8.'59) Commentaire du Secrétaire Général sur F59-85 et -86.

F59-99 (2.9.'59) *Rapport Général sur l'Année 1958/59 par le Secrétaire Général de la FID.*

F59-100 (2.9.'59) *Rapport sur les activités de FID/C et ses sous-commissions de classification en 1958/59.*

The next number of the Informations FID may appear later in October so as to include a summary report of the Warsaw Conference.

 Toute partie des „Informations FID" peut être reproduite àcondition que la source soit mentionnée.